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SUBJ: FY-1975 FOURTH QUARTER S AND E REQUIREMENTS

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1. FOLLOWING ARE REQUIREMENTS FOR FOURTH QUARTER BASED UPON
OUR BEST ESTIMATES AT THIS TIME:

PROGRAM-4470

CUMULA- 4TH QTR.

OBJECT	TIVE THRU	REQUIRE-	TOTAL
CLASS DESCRIPTION	3/31/75	MENTS	F.Y.1975
1100 PERSONNEL COMPENSA'N	\$220,624	\$ 87,790	\$308,414
1200 PERSONNEL BENEFITS	89,237	18,713	107,950
2157 MEDICAL TRAVEL	7,409	---	7,409
2165 EMERGENCY VISITATION	---	---	---
21XX ALL OTHER TRAVEL	53,037	18,138	71,175
2200 TRANSPORTATION	6,856	2,854	9,710
2300 RENTS,COMM.&UTILITIES	92,131	19,969	112,100
2400 PRINT'G & REPROD'N	2,250	750	3,000
2500 OTHER SERVICES	86,739	26,296	113,035
2600 SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	31,587	8,198	39,785
3100 PERSONAL PROPERTY	24,042	2,800	26,852
TOTAL - PROGRAM	\$613,912	\$185,508	\$799,420

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1100	PERSONNEL COMPENSA'N	\$344,860	\$133,315	\$478,175
1200	PERSONNEL BENEFITS	70,823	6,870	77,693
1300	BENEFITS FORMER PERS'L	1,362	---	1,362
2157	MEDICAL TRAVEL	1,128	---	1,128
2165	EMERGENCY VISITATION	3,353	---	3,353
21XX	ALL OTHER TRAVEL	9,713	2,517	15,230
2200	TRANSPORTATION	9,096	3,404	12,500
2300	RENTS,COMM.&UTILITIES	28,148	18,997	47,145
2400	PRINT'G & REPROD'N	579	101	680
2500	OTHER SERVICES	58,403	31,967	90,370
2600	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	50,487	17,522	68,010
3100	PERSONAL PROPERTY	8,191	634	8,825
4150	GRANTS, SUBSIDIES,ETC.	914	---	914

TOTAL - SHARED \$587,057 \$218,328 \$805,385

2. THE EMBASSY HAS NOT INCLUDED ITS NEEDS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY REQUIRMENTS UNDER 3100 FOR OFFICES OR RESIDENCES EXCEPT FOR NEW POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED AND FILLED. UNFUNDED REQUISITIONS FOR OTHER SUCH ITEMS ARE BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY.

3. FROM PREVIOUS REPORTS, THE BUREAU IS AWARE THAT THUS FAR DURING FY 75 THE EMBASSY HAS EXPENDED APPROXIMATELY \$37,300 ON THE FOUR SECSTATE VISITS AND FOR THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL AND A FEW OTHER VIP VISITS. IN ADDITION, EXPENSES WERE INCURRED ON MANY CODEL AND OTHER OFFICIAL VISITS FOR WHICH DETAILED COST RECORDS WERE NOT MAINTAINED. FURTHERMORE, ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE AND TWO RESIDENCES IN RIYADH; ADVANCE NEGOTIATIONS FOR AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION; PLUS ASSISTANCE TO THE HEAVY INFLUX OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN, TRADE GROUPS, AND OTHER VISITORS HAVE BEEN A FURTHER STRAIN ON THE LIMITED HUMAN, MATERIAL, AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE POST.

4.
IN ADDITION TO COST, TIME LOST IN TRAVEL MAINLY BETWEEN JIDDA AND RIYADH IS EXTREMELY HIGH. TO DATE 284 IN-COUNTRY TRIPS HAVE BEEN MADE. SIMILARLY, OVERTIME HAS BEEN EXCESSIVE--IN SOME CASES ALMOST INHUMAN. FROM JULY 1 THRU MID-UNCLASSIFIED

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MARCH, 5700 HOURS OF PAID OVERTIME WERE WORKED BY AMERICAN AND DIRECT-HIRE LOCALS, SIXTEEN OF WHOM WORKED BETWEEN 100 AND 500 HOURS, AVERAGING 284 HOURS APIECE. IN ATTEMPTING TO REMEDY THESE AND OTHER PROBLEMS, THE EMBASSY HAS HIRED, WITH THE BUREAU'S APPROVAL, ONE AMERICAN SECRETARY ON A PART-TIME BASIS, AND HAS HAD TO HIRE LOCAL DRIVERS, TYPISTS, AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL ON A DAILY-HIRE BASIS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE ON THE TIGHT EMPLOYMENT MARKET. WITHOUT

SUCH ADDITIONAL HELP, THE WORK OF THE EMBASSY WOULD BE IN JEOPARDY.

5. OTHER INCREASES RESULT FROM A 2.25 PERCENT DEVALUATION OF THE DOLLAR IN MARCH; ALLOWANCES AND OTHER UNFUNDED COSTS FOR NEW AMERICAN PERSONNEL; INCREASED MARINE GUARD AND EDUCATION ALLOWANCES, HIGHER FREIGHT RATES, UNANTICIPATED COSTS FOR SHIPPING POV'S, AND SPIRALING INFLATIONARY COST AFFECTING ALL TYPES OF PURCHASES OF SERVICES AND SUPPLIES.

6. THE EMBASSY WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT THIS IS A CONSERVATIVE REQUEST WHICH ALLOWS VERY LIMITED FLEXIBILITY THIS LATE IN FISCAL YEAR, AND ANY CUT IN THE INCREASE OF \$155,855 NEEDED WILL REQUIRE IMMEDIATE AND DRASTIC ACTION BY THE EMBASSY. ACCORDINGLY, EARLY TELEGRAPHIC RESPONSE WILL BE APPRECIATED.
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